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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS CONTROL: REIMBURSEMENT FOR GOM FUEL
EXPENDITURES IN 1974 CAMPAIGN

REF: MEXICO 4831 PARA 2(G)

1. DEPARTMENT REGRETS APPARENT MISUNDERSTANDING REGARD-
ING USG OBLIGATIONS UNDER DECEMBER 3, 1973, AND FEBRUARY
1, 1974 AGREEMENTS TO REIMBURSE GOM FOR FUEL EXPENDED
IN 1974 SPRING ERADICATION CAMPAIGN, AND SUBMITS FOLLOW-
ING TO CLARIFY SITUATION.

2. THE FEBRUARY 1, 1974 AGREEMENT OBLIGATED USG TO REIM-
BURSE GOM UP TO \$10,000 FOR EXPENDITURES OF FUEL CONSUMED
BY THE FOUR 206 HELICOPTERS GRANTED TO THE GOM BY THAT
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AGREEMENT. EMBASSY SHOULD THEREFORE REQUEST GOM TO SUB-

MIT, AT THIS TIME, REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR FUEL EXPENDED BY THOSE FOUR HELICOPTERS ONLY. INSTRUCTIONS TO EMBASSY ON CERTIFICATION OF REASONABLENESS AND LEGITIMACY OF EXPENDITURES WILL FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.

3. DECEMBER 3, 1973 AGREEMENT STATED IN PART THAT USG WOULD BE PLEASED TO CONSIDER FUTURE REQUESTS FROM GOM ASSISTANCE IN FINANCING THE COSTS OF FUEL (AND SPARE PARTS) CONSUMED BY THE HELICOPTERS IN GOM POPPY ERADICATION EFFORTS BUT DID NOT OBLIGATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE. WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER GOM EXPENDITURE OF \$112,829 (REF) AS SUCH A REQUEST AND, FURTHER, WILL NOT LIMIT OUR

REIMBURSEMENT TO FUEL EXPENDED BY FOUR 212'S ONLY. HOWEVER, SINCE THE \$112,829 OBVIOUSLY INCLUDES COST OF FUEL EXPENDED BY THE FOUR 206'S, WE ARE REVISING THAT TOTAL FIGURE DOWNWARD TO \$110,000, ASSUMING THAT REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR 206'S WILL AT LEAST BE \$2,829

4. PARA 5 BELOW GIVES TEXT OF AGREEMENT (IN FORM OF AMENDMENT TO DECEMBER 3 AGREEMENT) FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF FUEL EXPENDED BY ALL GOM AIRCRAFT IN 1974 ERADICATION CAMPAIGN (MINUS THAT FOR 4 BELL 206S). EMBASSY HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXCHANGE LETTERS AMENDING THAT AGREEMENT. AT SAME TIME, WE ARE AMENDING AGREEMENT SPECIFICALLY TO PROVIDE FOR SERVICES OF TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES.

5. "DEAR MR. ATTORNEY GENERAL:

A. I REFER TO THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS OF DEC. 3, 1973, BETWEEN YOU AND FORMER UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO ROBERT H. MCBRIDE WHICH EFFECTED AN AGREEMENT FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE FOUR HELICOPTERS, SPARE PARTS, AND RELEVANT TRAINING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO, AND TO CONSIDER FUTURE REQUESTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO FOR ASSISTANCE IN FINANCING THE COSTS OF FUEL EXPENDED BY THE HELICOPTERS.

B. MY GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO AGREE TO REIMBURSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO FOR THE COST OF REASONABLE EXPENDITURES OF FUEL BY ALL GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO AIRCRAFT, BOTH FIXED AND ROTARY WING, (EXCLUSIVE OF THAT CONSUMED BY THE BELL 206 AIRCRAFT GRANTED BY THE AGREEMENT OF FEBRUARY 1, 1974), WHICH WERE USED DIRECTLY IN SUPPORT OF THE JANUARY-MAY 1974 NARCOTICS ERADICATION CAMPAIGN. THE COST TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OF SUCH ASSISTANCE WILL NOT EXCEED \$110,000.

C. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ALSO AGREES TO PROVIDE THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO WITH THE SERVICES, FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, OF TWO TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO IN THE PROPER MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT USED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO IN ITS NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS. THE COST OF THE USG OF THIS ASSISTANCE SHALL NOT EXCEED \$90,000. THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO AGREES TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTATION TO THESE CONSULTANTS IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY CARRY OUT THE OBJECTIVES OF THIS AGREEMENT.

D. AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED, THE TOTAL COST TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SHALL NOT EXCEED THREE MILLION EIGHT

HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,800,000); THE ADDITIONAL COSTS TO THE USG PROVIDED FOR IN THIS LETTER OF AMENDMENT ARE BEING FINANCED BY FUNDS OBLIGATED BY THIS AGREEMENT BUT WHICH WERE NOT TOTALLY UTILIZED FOR PROCUREMENT OF OTHER ITEMS UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.

E. YOUR LETTER OF AGREEMENT TO THESE CHANGES WILL CONSTITUTE THE APPROPRIATE AMENDMENT TO THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT."

6. ONCE THIS AMENDMENT IS EFFECTED; GOM SHOULD SUBMIT SEPARATE REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR FUEL EXPENDITURES. INSTRUCTIONS BEING FORWARDED (PARA. 2 ABOVE) WILL APPLY. SISCO

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